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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Examiner Lugo;

This correspondence is being filed in response to an Office Action mailed May 21, 2002.

Applicant herewith responds within one (1) month of the mailing date of the Office Action.

In reply to the restriction requirement of May 21, 2002, the Applicant elects Species 3, as disclosed in figures 12 – 14, 17 and 18, and as claimed in Claims 8, 9, 10, 11, and 15.

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